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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

William H. Rodriguez

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 31 August 2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 2-21 and 24 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 16 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 2,9,11-13,15,18,19 and 24 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 3-8,10,14,17,20 and 21 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 31 August 2006 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____
- ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

This office action is in response to the amendment and remarks filed 8/31/06. Since the examiner has applied new grounds of rejection, this office action is being made non-final to afford applicant the opportunity to respond to the new grounds of rejection.

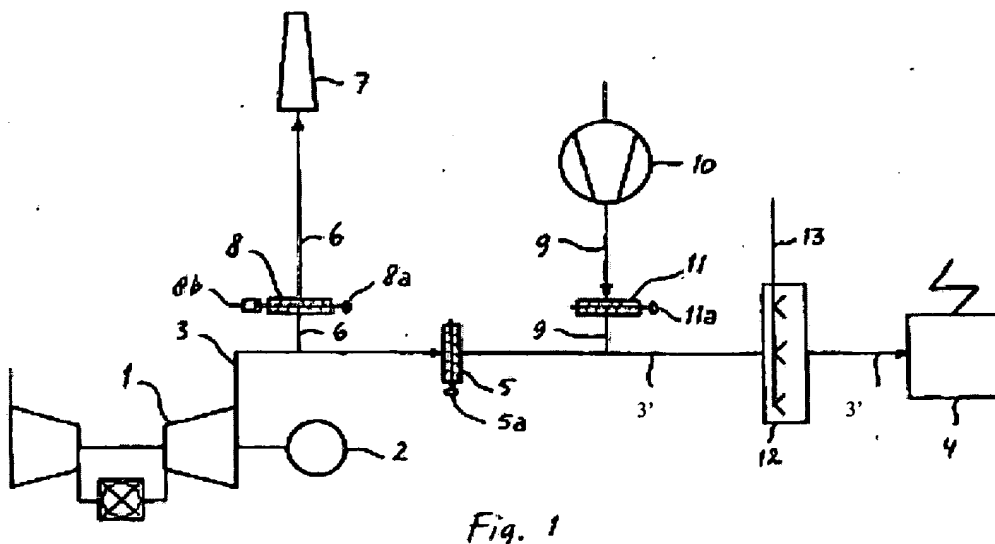
Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. Claims 2, 9, 11-13, 15, 18, 19 and 24 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by **Llennemeyer (EP 0 967 366 B1)**.



Llennemeyer teaches an arrangement comprising: a hot-gas generator 1 emitting a mass flow of a hot gas; a technological process 4 disposed downstream of the hot-gas generator; a

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connector element disposed between the generator and the technological process and configured to feeding a first portion 3' of the mass flow to the technological process; an exhaust 6 including a regulator 8 for discharging a regulated second portion of the mass flow from the connector element and a device 12 configured to influence a temperature of the hot gas disposed between the hot-gas generator 1 and the technological process 4, wherein the hot-gas generator is a combustion engine and the technological process is a steam generator, said influencing includes heating the hot-gas downstream of the hot-gas generator, wherein the heating is performed using an auxiliary combustion, and wherein the auxiliary combustion is performed using said device 12 (burner), *wherein the influencing of the temperature includes feeding an additive (air from blower 10) to the hot gas in a region of the connecting element.* See particularly Figure 1 above.

Since **Llnnemeyer** has the same structure as claimed, it is inherent that **Llnnemeyer's** device would be able to perform the recited method steps in claims 2, 9, 11-13, 15, 18, 19 and 24. See particularly Figure 1 above.

Allowable Subject Matter

3. Claims 3-8, 10, 14, 17, 20 and 21 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claim 16 is allowed.

Response to Arguments


4. Applicant's arguments with respect to claim 2 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection. **Linnemeyer** teaches *the influencing of the temperature includes feeding an additive (air from blower 10) to the hot gas in a region of the connecting element*. See particularly Figure 1 above.

Contact information

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to William H. Rodríguez whose telephone number is 571-272-4831. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 7:30 am to 5:00 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Dr. Ehud Gartenberg can be reached on 571-272-4828. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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